

there is a promise of help for the patient, and I hope that others will give the routine a trial.

I hope in the near future to be able to present a detailed clinical report covering a considerable number of cases.

LANGLEY PORTER.

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The Orange County Medical Association held its regular monthly meeting Oct. 2nd. There were present fourteen members and one visitor. The local agent of the New York Life Insurance Company came before the society, urging them to alter their by-laws to allow members to examine for that company at a less rate than \$5.00. He read extracts from the New York law governing the expenditures of an insurance company for new business, and urged that with this law it was impossible for the company to pay five dollars for examinations. He admitted that the law would not be in effect until Jan. 1, 1907., and could give no good reason why they cut the fee so long before that time. The society took no action in the matter, deeming it best to adhere to their resolution to charge \$5.00 or nothing.

Dr. Beebe presented the paper of the evening, subject, "Cholecystitis with Gall Stones," dealing specially with the factors causing gall stones.

H. S. GORDON, Secretary.

PLACER COUNTY.

The Placer County Medical Society met on the evening of October 6th, in the Auditorium at Grass Valley. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. by the President. The object of the meeting was to discuss the insurance situation now existing in Nevada county. Dr. Parkinson of Sacramento, the Councillor of District 3, was to have been the guest of the evening but was unavoidably detained. The insurance question was laid over till another meeting.

Three committees were appointed. One to draw up resolutions from the society concerning the careless way that physicians in the low lying district have of sending tubercular patients to the hills utterly unaware of their condition, and utterly regardless of others with whom they may come in contact. A second committee was appointed to revise the constitution of the society, and a third to attend to the legislative branches of medical practice in the state.

The following clinical material was presented to the members: A case of successfully treated fracture of the sacrum; a case of hypertrophic cirrhosis of the liver; air-gun shot wound of the orbit; a case of elephantiasis of the leg; a photograph of a supernumerary mamma on the arm of a man; a case of Renaud's disease of the hands showing the line of demarkation at the proximal phalanges. A pathological specimen of a stony heart with huge plates of calcification almost covering the heart.

Dr. Tickell read a paper on erythromelalgia which was a report of a case recently occurring in his practice. Dr. Mules read a paper on the Bier passive hyperemia treatment in inflammatory conditions. Both papers were fully discussed.

The following were elected to membership: Arthur Dangerfield, A. H. Ashby, E. C. Fabre-Rejotte, Lena Geraldson, P. Mix and Frank Walsh.

After the meeting the members adjourned to partake of a lunch generously supplied by the President, Dr. Jones.

J. H. MULES, Secretary.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held Sept. 18, 1906, at the office of Dr. W. A. Briggs, President Dr. H. E. Wright in the chair. Present: Drs. Baldwin, W. A. Briggs, W. E. Briggs, Culver, Dufficy, Fay, Hanna, Henderson, James, Kerby, Look, McKee, McLean, Mules, Nichols, Parkinson, Pitts, G. L. Simmons, S. E. Simmons, Strader, Twitchell, Wilder, Wright, Hendrikson. As visitors, Dr. E. C. Turner and Chas. McKee.

Election of members: The Secretary having reported that the application of Dr. Geo. Briggs was in the prescribed form, that he held a diploma from Univ. of Cal., 1905, and a State of California license, 1906, a ballot was taken and the applicant unanimously elected a member.

Communications were received and filed from the Santa Barbara County Medical Society enclosing the programs of their July and August meetings. New Business: Dr. Parkinson, President of the Northern District Medical Society having reported that the annual meeting of that society would be held in November of this year, an invitation to that society to hold its annual meeting in Sacramento was extended by a unanimous vote of members present.

Dr. Parkinson reported his selection by the Council of the State Society to fill the vacancy in the position of Councillor from this district left by the death of Dr. Thos. Ross.

Dr. McKee, state senator from this district, called the attention of the society to the fact that General letter No. 1, from the Secretary of the State Society reported incorrectly the motion made by Dr. McKee at the meeting of the House of Delegates held on the evening of April 17, 1906, relative to the appointment of local committees in each senatorial district to confer with the members of the legislature on medical matters. That it had been his purpose to advocate the appointment of these committees after election and from among those members of the profession in the various districts who would be able best to work in harmony with whomever might be elected, which latter advantage would be entirely lost by appointing the committees at the present time. The secretary of this society was instructed to call the attention of the secretary of the State Society to the senator's statement and the suggestion embodied therein.

Report of cases: By Dr. Mules, a case of remittent phlebitis of both lower limbs, complicating advanced pulmonary tuberculosis.

By Dr. Twitchell, of paralysis of the radial group of muscles following the injection of boiling water hypodermically over the radial nerve by a morphine habitue who was endeavoring to practice asepsis. The paper of the evening was by Dr. J. T. Culver, on the topic "Sterility in Women." Discussion opened by Dr. W. A. Briggs and then becoming general. The next meeting to be with Dr. Dufficy on the third Tuesday in October.

E. M. WILDER, Secretary.

VENTURA COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, October 1st, at the residence of Dr. J. C. Bynum, Ventura. Dr. Bynum read a well prepared paper entitled "The Benefit of Electricity in Certain Forms of Diseases." The X-ray, the high frequency, galvanic and faradic currents, were in turn adverted to, and their peculiar potentialities shown. President Cunnane opened the discussion, and was followed by all the members, each of whom showed himself familiar with the very latest developments of this wonderful and ever growing science.

At the conclusion, the society extended a vote of

thanks to Dr. Bynum for his very interesting discourse. Following this came an invitation to partake of a fine repast, which was served by Mrs. Bynum, assisted by her charming daughter, Miss Ruth. The dinner was voted a success, and was greatly relished. Host and hostess were given the thanks of the society for their cordial reception.

CHARLES TEUBNER, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the office of Dr. E. A. Arthur, Sept. 28, 1906. Members present: Drs. E. A. Arthur, S. E. Latta, R. B. Knight, A. W. Hoisholt, J. P. Hull, Ira B. Ladd, J. D. Dameron, H. W. Taggart, S. W. R. Langdon, H. E. Henderson, C. H. Harry and B. J. Powell; Drs. Cross and Smythe as guests.

It was the first meeting of the society since June, there being no regular meetings in the months of July and August. A committee of five was appointed to make suggestions as to the changing of the present fee bill and to report at the next meeting. It was determined to invite a few of the eminent men of the state to read papers or deliver lectures from time to time to the society. Dr. Arthur read an interesting paper on "Gonorrhea." The discussion was opened by Dr. R. B. Knight and participated in generally by the members present. After refreshments the society adjourned.

BARTON J. POWELL, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS.

A Compend of Operative Gynecology. By William Seaman Bainbridge, M. D., The Grafton Press, New York.

This is a small volume of sixty-six pages, written for the use of students in the author's classes. Although free from originality or even completeness, it contains excellent short descriptions of the technique of the more common operative procedures used in gynecology.

The points involved in the various operations are briefly outlined; and the indications and contraindications of the various methods are well stated.

The absence of illustrations seems to us a mistake.

A. J. L.

International Clinics, Vol. II. Sixteenth Series, 1906.

J. B. Lippincott Co., Phila. and London.

This recent volume of the series contains some articles of unusual excellence, many of which are of extreme practical interest. The contributors are for the most part American; several of the articles, however, are written by English, French and Italian clinicians.

The papers are grouped into various sections; those of the greatest general interest are contained, perhaps, in the sections of medicine and surgery. Two of the papers on pulmonary abscess and its treatment are especially timely, since the question of surgical interference in various pulmonary conditions is being widely discussed at the present time. The article of Moffit on Clinical Types of Persistent Vomiting, and that of Lloyd on Hysterical Neuroses of the Stomach are both instructive. Two other papers are devoted to the Treatment

of Nephritis: One by French from the medical, and the other Rovighi from the surgical standpoint. The article by the latter is a satisfactory brief presentation of our knowledge of decapsulation of the kidney, but we cannot help feeling that the author is over sanguine regarding the prospects of this mode of treatment. The paper by Rodman on Tumors of the Mammary Gland with special reference to their diagnosis, prognosis and treatment, although containing nothing original will repay the general practitioner for the reading. Another good surgical paper is that by Ross on the Principles of the Treatment of Fractures. In the section on obstetrics and gynecology there are two papers of common interest: One by Dorlan on The Female Perineum and Its Repair, another by Palmer on The Choice of Medicinal Agents for Topical Use in Gynecologic Practice. The remaining articles are, for the most part, of general therapeutic interest.

HEMORRHAGE IN THE NEWBORN.

H. McClanahan, Omaha (*Journal A. M. A.*, October 13), reports six cases of hemorrhage occurring spontaneously in the newborn, with histories; several cases of traumatic hemorrhage are also briefly reported. One of the spontaneous cases was a fatal hemorrhage from the lungs, which apparently is rather rare. He gives the principal facts in regard to hemorrhage of the newborn, its occurrence within the first few days after birth, its serious character in most forms, its apparent lack of any relation to hemophilia and the obscurity of its etiology. He thinks that it is probably due to some unknown specific cause producing a change in the blood vessels. In hemorrhages occurring later than the first ten days of life, he considers septic infection as the most likely factor. His experience, apparently, does not afford any special support to the theory of hereditary syphilis in these cases, though it is considered an important predisposing cause.

BENIGN CYSTIC EPITHELIOMA.

J. V. Shoemaker and L. Napoleon Boston, Philadelphia (*Journal A. M. A.*, October 13), report a case of this comparatively rare condition, of which they have been able to find records of twenty-four other cases in the literature. The growths occupied the right arm; the general condition was that of moderate secondary anemia, which improved under treatment. Microscopic examination made it evident that the neoplasms originated in the hair follicles and were examples of what has been described as tricho-epithelioma. Few cysts were present owing to the slight age of the tumors, they having existed but a few months. These benign tumors of the skin, the authors remark, have received but little attention from pathologists.

OAKLAND COLLEGE STUDENTS.

It is a pleasure to note that all of the students graduated from the Oakland College of Medicine and Surgery, recently, passed the examinations of the State Board most creditably. These were the first graduates from that institution and indicate that the promises of high standard, made by the faculty some four years ago when the College started, have been fully kept.